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ABSTRACT

Information provided by the University of California (UC) is used each year to assess the academic performance of those students who transferred to UC from Los Angeles City College (LACC). While no student-specific information has been provided in recent years, due to UC's compliance with the Buckley Amendment, the data illustrate the comparative grade point averages (GPA's) of two student groups: those who were eligible for entrance into the UC system directly from high school and those who were not. These data show that 129 LACC students transferred to UC in Fall 1978, representing a drop of nearly 25% from Fall 1977 and of 50% from Fall 1974. Of these students, 40 were from the eligible group, 53 from the ineligible group, and 26 admitted by special action and not charged to LACC. The average GPA for the eligible group during the first year at UC was 3.12, with 60% maintaining a "B" average or above and only 8% earning below a "C" average. Ineligibles earned an average GPA of 2.89, with 40% achieving a "B" average or above and 8% earning below a "C" average. Of the transfers, 75% attended the Los Angeles campus of the UC system. In comparison with transfer students from other California community colleges, both groups of LACC transfers performed better on measures of UC GPA, differential performance, percentage receiving a "B" average or better, and percentage earning less than a "C" average. (JP)

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INTRODUCTION

For many years the University of California has furnished LACC an annual report on the performance of LACC transfers at the University of California. Prior to 1977, these reports included grade reports of first year performance for all transfers. These individual grade reports permitted detailed analysis of performance including analysis by major, sex, units taken, department, and other factors. In 1977, the University suspended for one year the sending of any reports, and last year sent summary reports for the Fall 1976 and Fall 1977 entrants. The University, after receiving a Task Force report, decided to send summary reports but not student-specific reports. This decision "signals the beginning of an effort by the University to provide more useful information in evaluating the preparedness of students while at the same time safeguarding student's rights according to the Buckley Amendment." Thus, no information is available to provide detailed analysis of recent performance.

It thus seemed advisable last year to review, over several years period, the type of information provided in the report. Accordingly, last year's report presented a look at the numbers of transfers according to their eligibility for the University directly from high school and comparative performances at the University and LACC, and provided comparable data for all California Community College transfers. 1966 was chosen as the starting year, as that was the first year the University went on the quarter system and also the first year of the summary reports provided in the current format.

In 1980, LACC received another summary report on Fall 1978 entrants. The accompanying letter to the report stated: "Student specific data are

not presented in these reports. However, the University is presently investigating appropriate mechanisms to permit the release of such information in future reports."

The present study updates the twelve year picture presented last year to include the Fall 1978 data. All the data in the report was taken directly from the University reports and although some of it is questionable, the overall picture presented by the data appears to be reliable.

The University of California reports provide numbers of Fall entrants, by campus, for eligibles and ineligibles, and a summary of average academic performance for these groups. The summary includes grade point average earned at the University together with numbers earning below a C average and numbers earning a B average or above.

In addition to those eligibles and ineligibles "charged" (figured in the grade point calculations), the University admits other transfers whose records are not included in the calculations. This "not charged" group includes some students who completed no work at the University but consists mainly of students who did not meet University admissions requirements and were admitted by "special action."

Information is presented on the following pages in four tables and five figures as follows:

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b. Ineligibles

Figure 4 - Differential GPA Earned by Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-78
a. Eligibles
b. Ineligibles

Figure 5 - Percents of Community College Transfers Earning Below "C" Average or "B" Average or Above at University of California, 1966-78
a. Eligibles
b. Ineligibles

Table 1 - Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, 1966-78 (Fall entrants only)

Year	Eligible	In-Eligible	Total Charged	% Eligible	Admitted Not Charged	Total	% Charged
1978-79	40	53	93	43%	26	129	72%
1977-78	20	102	122	16%	47	169	72%
1976-77	17	128	145	12%	36	181	80%
1975-76	27	134	161	17%	42	203	79%
1974-75	26	183	209	12%	45	252	83%
1973-74	51	140	181	27%	45	234	82%
1972-73	62	84	146	42%	178	324	45%
1971-72	22	84	106	21%	152	258	41%
1970-71	60	62	122	49%	78	200	61%
1969-70	30	92	122	25%	85	207	59%
1968-69	35	75	110	32%	65	175	63%
1967-68	39	85	124	31%	36	160	78%
1966-67	38	110	148	26%	28	176	84%

Table 2 - Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, by Campus (Fall entrants only)

Year	Berk-eley	Davis	Irvine	Los Angeles	River-side	San Diego	Santa Barbara	Santa Cruz	Total
1978-79	7	1	6	97	3	2	11	2	129
1977-78	9	2	4	138	0	4	7	5	169
1976-77	11	1	4	157	0	0	7	1	181
1975-76	55	0	4	175	1	0	16	2	203
1974-75	77	3	7	214	3	0	16	2	252
1973-74	10	0	8	193	2	2	12	7	234
1972-73	11	1	4	283	1	5	11	8	423
1971-72	16	3	8	206	1	7	13	4	258
1970-71	18	0	11	144	5	6	13	3	200
1969-70	6	1	7	174	1	2	12	4	207
1968-69	8	0	7	147	1	1	10	2	175
1967-68	18	3	1	130	0	2	5	1	160
1966-67	0	1	1	162	7	0	5	0	176

Table 3 - Academic Performance of LACC Transfers to University of California 1966-79, First Year Performance (Fall entrants only)

Eligible

Year	No.	G P A LACC	U.C.	Diff.	%<C Avg	%≥B Avg	% Elig.
1978-79	35*	2.36	3.12	-0.24	8%	60%	42%
1977-78	20	3.35	2.80	-0.55	15%	35%	16%
1976-77	17	3.28	2.87	-0.41	5%	41%	12%
1975-76	27	3.16	3.05	-0.11	0%	62%	17%
1974-75	26	3.16	2.82	-0.34	19%	46%	12%
1973-74	51	3.12	2.88	-0.24	7%	39%	27%
1972-73	62	3.10	2.75	-0.35	12%	38%	42%
1971-72	22	3.01	2.85	-0.16	9%	40%	21%
1970-71	60	2.94	2.71	-0.23	8%	28%	49%
1969-70	30	3.01	2.99	-0.02	3%	60%	25%
1968-69	35	2.83	2.79	-0.04	11%	37%	32%
1967-68	39	2.95	2.75	-0.21	19%	35%	31%
1966-67	38	2.85	2.55	-0.30	13%	15%	26%

Ineligible

Year	No.	G P A LACC	U.C.	Diff.	%<C Avg	%≥B Avg
1978-79	48*	3.14	2.89	-0.25	8%	40%
1977-78	102	2.97	2.65	-0.32	25%	29%
1976-77	128	2.90	2.49	-0.41	25%	21%
1975-76	134	2.89	2.53	-0.36	20%	27%
1974-75	183	2.82	2.46	-0.36	24%	24%
1973-74	140	2.75	2.66	-0.09	15%	30%
1972-73	84	2.95	2.74	-0.21	11%	39%
1971-72	84	3.09	2.89	-0.20	7%	43%
1970-71	62	2.94	2.70	-0.24	6%	29%
1969-70	92	2.88	2.78	-0.10	7%	33%
1968-69	75	2.83	2.76	-0.07	4%	31%
1967-68	85	2.81	2.59	-0.22	11%	21%
1966-67	110	2.81	2.54	-0.27	15%	25%

*5 eligible and 5 ineligible students are not included in GPA calculations (presumably withdrawals)

Table 4 - Academic Performance of All California Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-79: First year performance (Fall entrants only)

Eligibles

Year	No.	G P A CC	G P A U.C.	Diff.	%<C Avg U.C.	%≥B avg U.C.	% Eligible
1978-79	1878	3.34	2.86	-0.48	9%	40%	45%
1977-78	2090	3.35	2.88	-0.47	10%	43%	45%
1976-77	2247	3.32	2.87	-0.45	9%	43%	42%
1975-76	2466	3.32	2.88	-0.44	8%	43%	41%
1974-75	2568	3.31	2.91	-0.40	9%	47%	41%
1973-74	3320	3.18	2.86	-0.32	10%	42%	50%
1972-73	2644	3.19	2.85	-0.34	8%	43%	53%
1971-72	1639	3.15	2.85	-0.30	7%	43%	40%
1970-71	1799	3.09	2.83	-0.26	8%	41%	50%
1969-70	1706	3.07	2.79	-0.28	11%	42%	41%
1968-69	1559	3.02	2.62	-0.40	9%	31%	52%
1967-68	1542	3.03	2.58	-0.45	13%	28%	51%
1966-67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Ineligibles

Year	No.	CC	U.C.	Diff.	%<C avg U.C.	%≥B avg U.C.
1978-79	2310	3.23	2.76	-0.46	12%	33%
1977-78	2556	3.10	2.63	-0.47	20%	28%
1976-77	3063	3.08	2.62	-0.46	20%	28%
1975-76	3610	3.01	2.62	-0.39	19%	28%
1974-75	3711	3.00	2.65	-0.35	16%	30%
1973-74	3325	2.95	2.65	-0.30	17%	30%
1972-73	2355	3.05	2.72	-0.33	12%	34%
1971-72	2492	3.01	2.70	-0.31	11%	32%
1970-71	1834	2.97	2.69	-0.28	12%	31%
1969-70	2411	2.80	2.63	-0.17	16%	32%
1968-69	1462	2.87	2.51	-0.36	10%	26%
1967-68	1510	2.86	2.41	-0.45	14%	20%
1966-67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Figure 1 - Number of Transfers from LACC to University of California, 1966-78
(Fall entrants only)

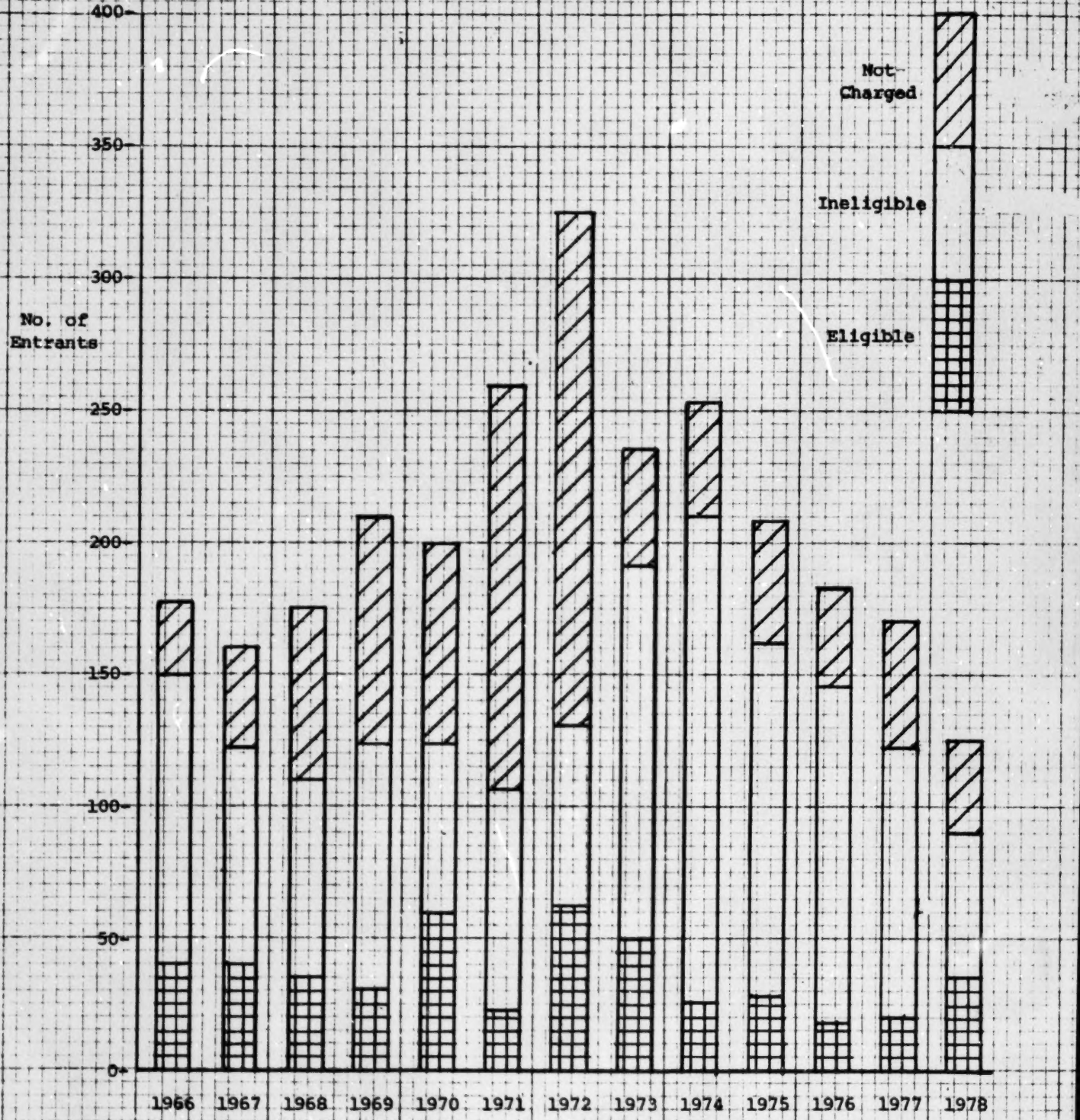

Figure 2 - "Charged" Transfers to University of California, 1966-78: Percent Eligible (Fall entrants only)

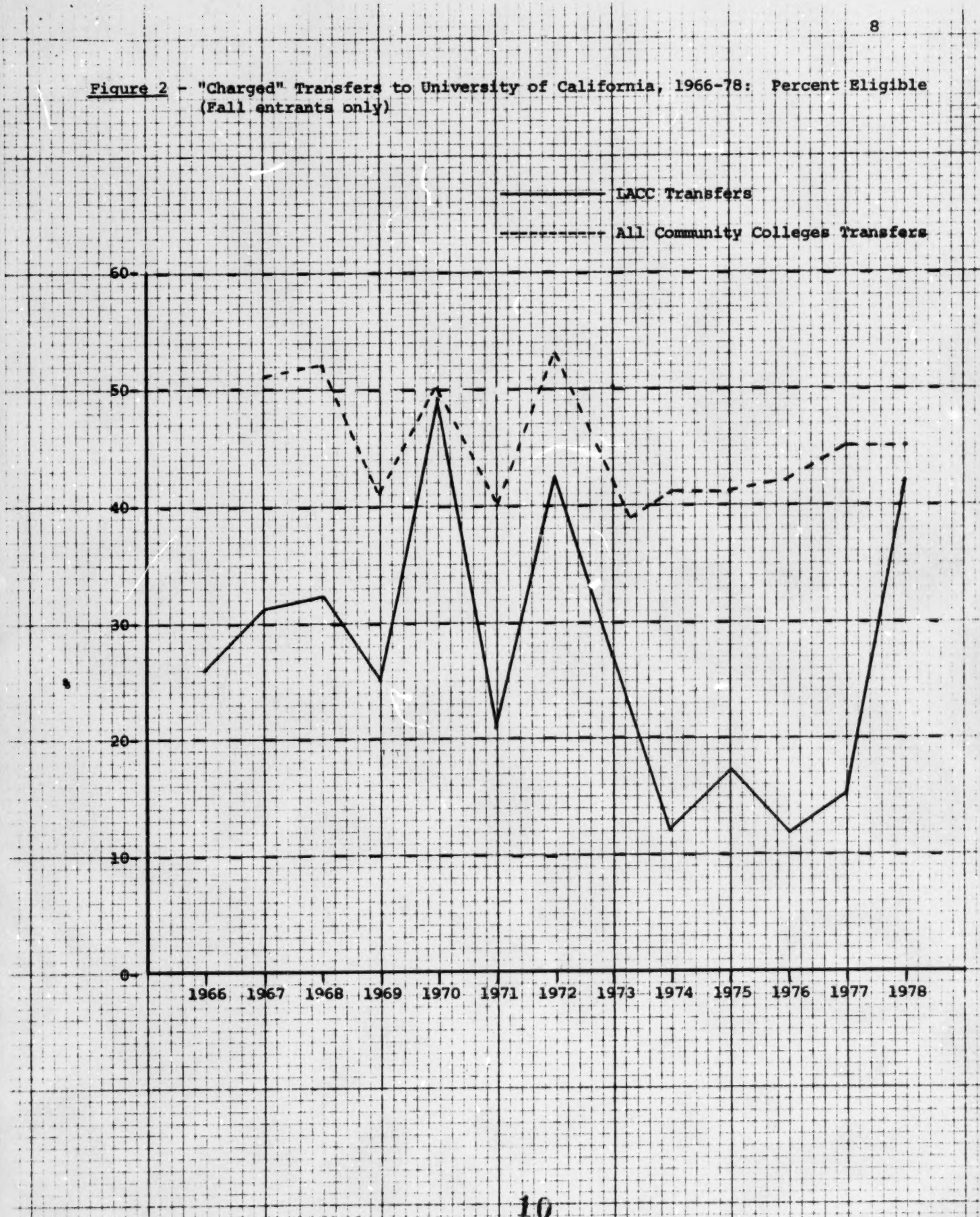

Figure 3 - Grade Point Average Earned by Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-78 (Fall entrants only)

(a) Eligibles
(b) Ineligibles

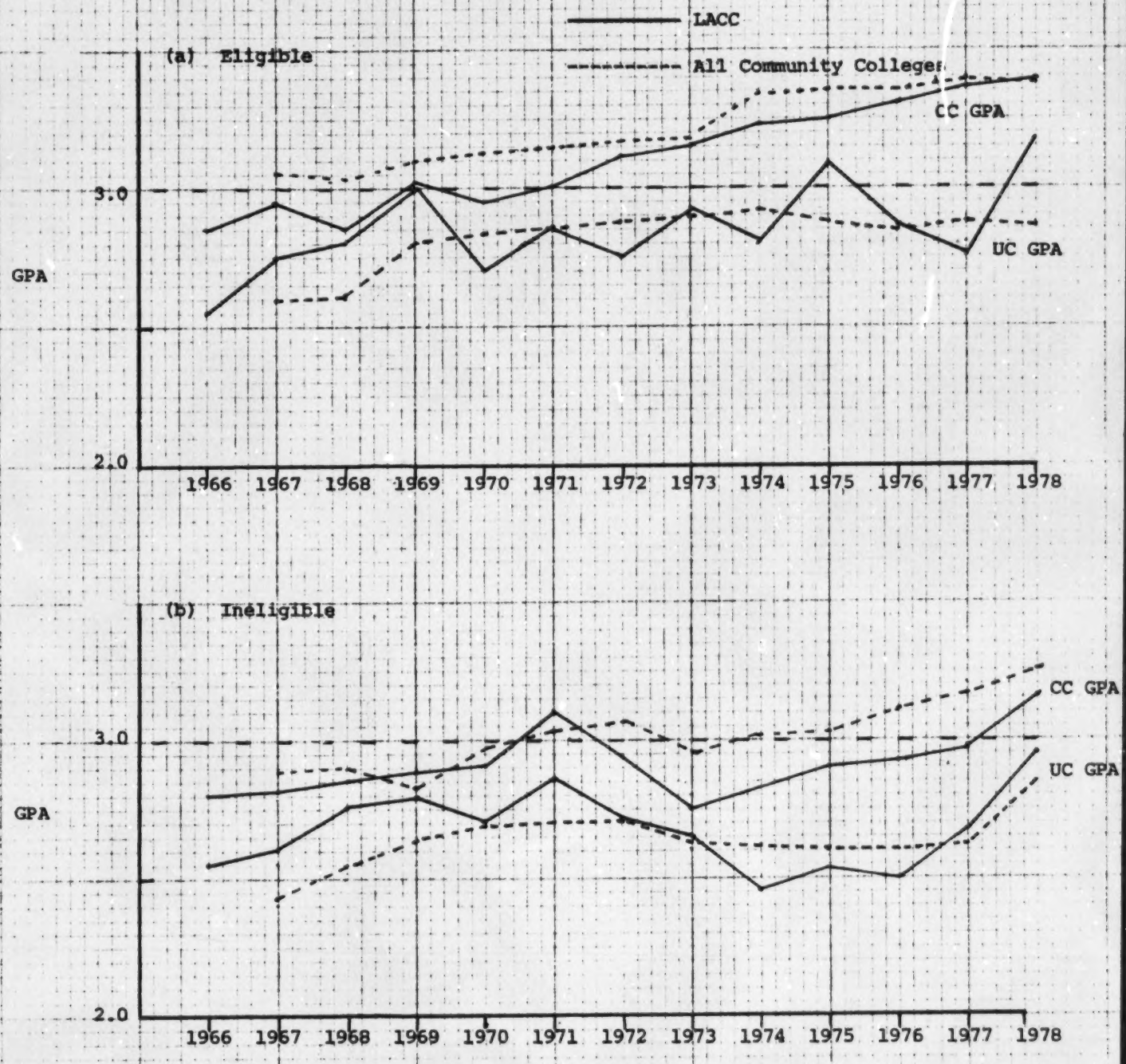

Figure 4 - Differential GPA Earned by Community College Transfers to University of California, 1966-77 (Fall entrants only)

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(b) Ineligible

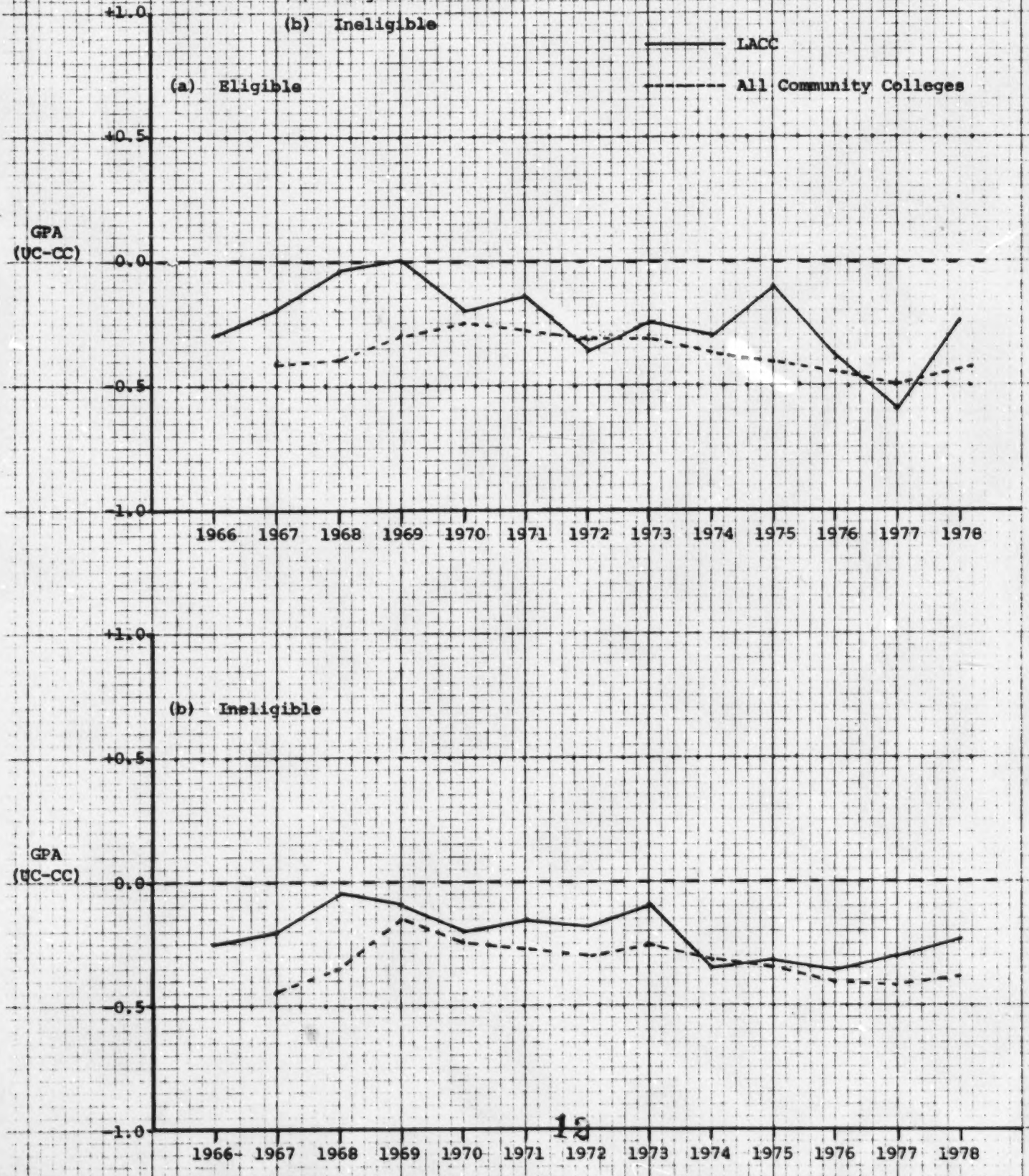


Figure 5-A - Percents of Community College Transfers, Earning Below C Average or B Average or Above at University of California, 1966-78 (Fall entrants only)

Eligible

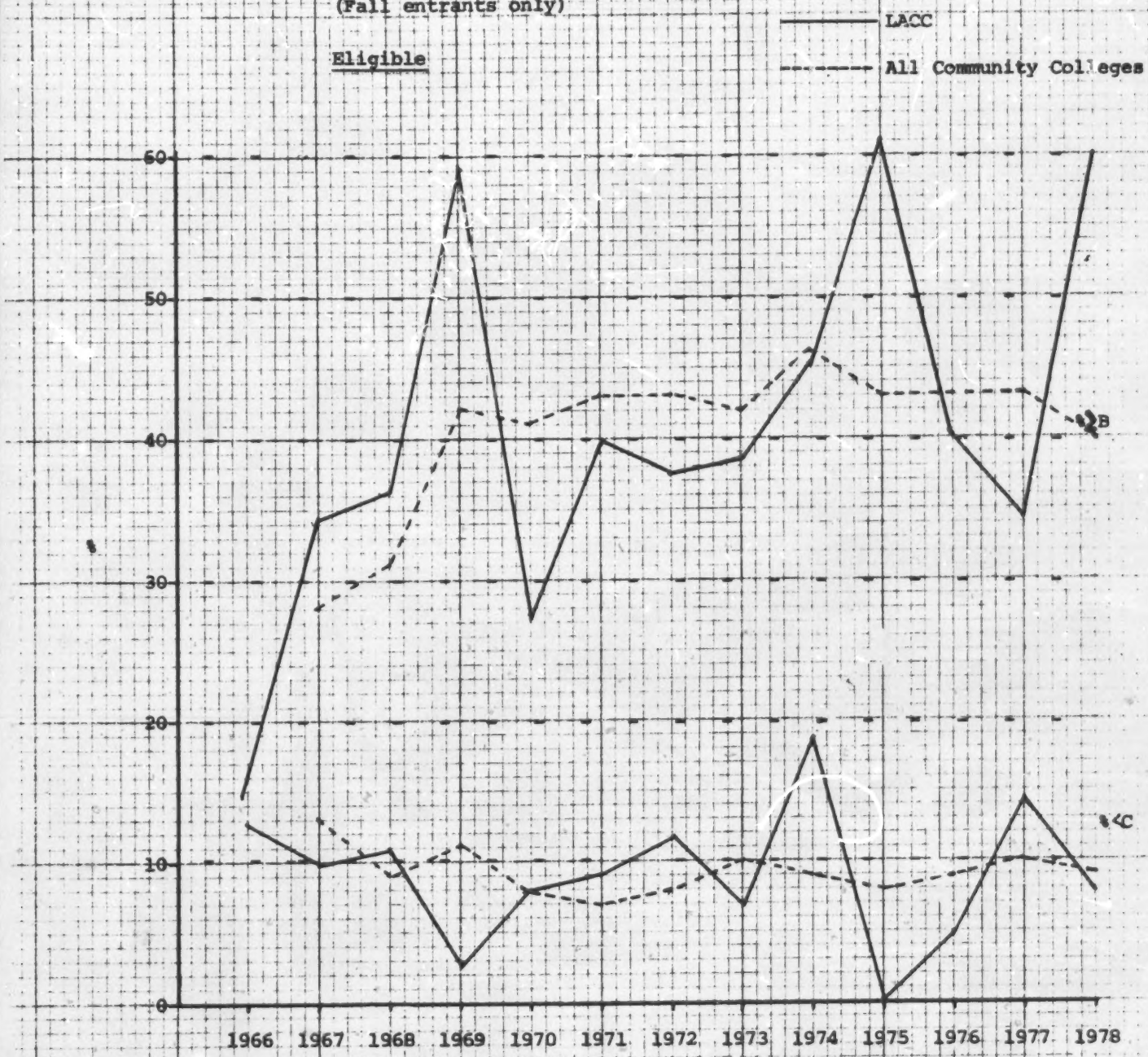
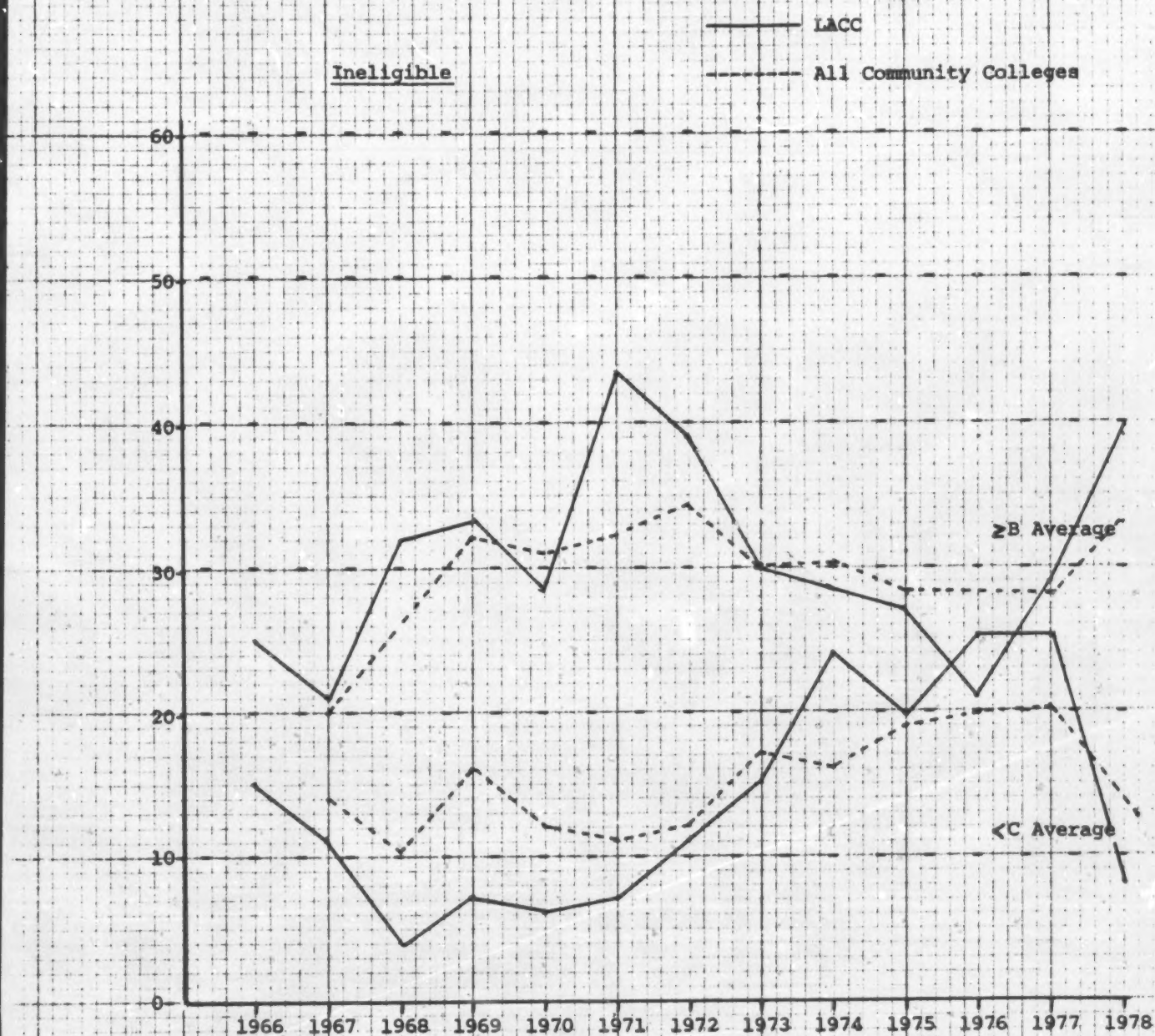


Figure 5-B - Percents of Community College Transfers Earning Below C Average or B Average or Above at University of California, 1966-78 (Fall entrants only)



SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This study summarizes academic performance of LACC Fall 1978 transfers in their first year at one of the campuses of the University of California. Discontinuance by the University of the sending of student specific information prevented analysis by subgroups such as major, sex, or courses taken. In addition, change of format in reporting has produced some data of questionable validity. Nevertheless, the overall picture appears reliable and the following observations are offered:

(1) Total number of Fall 1978 transfers to the University of California was 129, the lowest in the more than twenty years for which records are available, a drop of nearly 25% from Fall 1977, a drop of nearly 50% from Fall 1974.

(2) The drop was accounted for in its entirety by students ineligible to enter the University directly from high school. The number of Fall 1978 eligibles totaled 40, the highest in five years, while the ineligible figure of 53 was the lowest in five years, a 50% drop from Fall 1977. 26 of the 129 entrants were admitted by special action and not charged to LACC.

(3) Both eligibles and ineligibles in Fall 1978 performed well at the University. Eligibles average GPA for their first year at University of California was 3.12 with 60% averaging B or above, and only 8% averaging below C. Ineligibles average first year University of California GPA was 2.89 with 40% averaging B or above, and also 8% averaging below C. Both groups showed an average drop in GPA from the Community college record of about a quarter of a grade point.

(4) 75% of the LACC transfers in Fall 1978 attended the Los Angeles campus of the University (UCLA), with the remaining students distributed among seven other campuses.

(5) In comparison with academic performance of all California community colleges transfers to University of California in Fall 1978, LACC transfers (both eligible and ineligible) performed better than the all college average on each of the four criteria: (1) U.C. GPA, (2) differential performance, (3) % B average or above, (4) % below C average.

In summary, the number of transfers from LACC to the University has been in a state of steady decline since 1974. However, academic performance, in a state of decline from 1975 to 1978, improved significantly in Fall 1978. It is hoped that shortly the University will again furnish information so that a more detailed analysis of performance can be made.

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